

# AWAHOU SCHOOL

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**"To meet the educational needs of the Pohangina Valley community by fostering individual excellence in a dynamic and caring environment."**

## EXCELLENT LEARNING FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

**Week 5, Term 1, 2018**

**28 February, 2018**

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

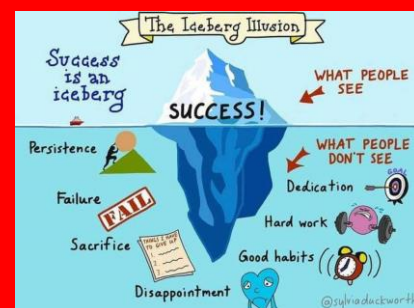
Kia Ora Awahou Community, Honesty. Effort. Respect. As I'm sure you know, these are our current values we focus on at Awahou School and are values we hold as pretty important for **all** people in our school. Lately, these values have come to the fore a lot – in community consultation, in school discussions, in staff discussions around creating our new curriculum, and in the recent NZEI Principal's reference group I attended. Yesterday I had a chat to the whole school about these values being the core of what we do at Awahou School and the fact that we are normally so good at displaying these, as one of the standout areas that makes our school a special place. We have noticed these values slipping a bit of late, so thought it would be a timely reminder to have these discussions with our kids and encourage you to do the same at home. Today I want to put in a shameless plug for the amount of respect I have for our teaching staff and the sacrifices they make and lengths they go to, to make our school a special place. We often don't see what goes on behind the scenes for our staff to make our school the dynamic, engaging and exciting place it is. We are blessed to have two teachers whose minds are on our children 24/7. I am always getting messages day and night, 7 days a week reflecting on what is happening in classrooms and with learners, new ideas to try, a professional reading they have come across, or ways of unlocking some of the mysteries of learning. Our teachers are fully committed to the children of Awahou, often at the sacrifice of their own family and interests and I can't thank them enough for this. This Saturday, both Toni & Naomi are giving up their day to attend yet another professional development workshop around teaching approaches to get the best out of our kids. With the upcoming negotiations for the next Primary Teachers / Principals Collective Agreement, you'll be hearing a lot more about how awesome our teachers are and the lengths they go to, to provide a quality education for our kids. So from me, to Toni & Naomi – thanks for everything you do to make our place so special! *Arohanui - Matt Schmidt, Principal*



*Maharahara working hard on their census*

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

**"At first they will ask you why you're doing it. Later they'll ask you how you did it."**



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### NZEI Paid Union Meetings

In the last newsletter I mentioned that school would be closing early on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March due to paid union meetings. I can now let you know that this will not be the case for us as I am able to attend a Principal's meeting later in the week. I will be staying at school with the children on the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup> while our teachers attend the meetings.

### Timetable Change

As of next week, we will be making some changes to the structure of our day after discussions with the staff and students of the school. We have noticed that engagement and focus on learning is a lot stronger in the mornings and we often interrupt quality learning taking place to go on break. So to cater for this, we have decided to have longer morning sessions and a shorter afternoon (the same amount of learning in the day though!)

Our new timetable will be:

9am – 11am: Block 1 (including whanau time & brain food)

**Morning tea 11am – 11.20am**

11.20am – 1pm: Block 2

**Lunch – 1pm – 1.45pm**

1.45pm – 2.55pm: Block 3 (including after lunch 'womble'.)

### Census Evening

We will have the school open **tomorrow evening** (Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>) until 8.30pm, with some computers set up for **any Pohangina Valley community members** who need reliable internet access to fill in their census information. For small rural / remote communities like ours it is SUPER IMPORTANT you fill in your census forms!!

### Community Consultation

We have had some very productive staff meetings of late, starting to design and develop our Awahou School localised curriculum. Last Monday we started looking at and unpacking our school vision and school mission statement. Pop quiz – do you know these off by heart? We are interested to see if your thoughts match ours, so will be sending some consultation home soon around this.

### Swimming Sports

Don't forget, our school swimming sports are tomorrow, Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>. The action will kick off at 1pm with the junior races and bomb competition. If the weather is looking grim (the forecast is great!) we will make a decision on whether these will go ahead at **11.00am** and post this on the Facebook page.

### Uniforms

Thanks to those who have paid their uniform levies. Uniforms will be issued this week, ready for Wharite to wear to next week's Kainui tabloid event at Mt Biggs School.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> – HPV vaccinations  
(Year 8 students)**

**Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> – Awahou Swimming  
Sports**

**Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> – Community Census  
evening 3.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> – Junior Tabloids (Mt  
Biggs)**

**Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> – Kainui Senior Swimming  
Sports (Lido)**

**Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> – BOT meeting @ school.  
7pm**

**Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> – Weetbix Tryathlon**

**Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday  
Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Monday  
Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Tuesday**

**Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term**



## THIS FORTNIGHT'S STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Well done Jayde, Devarney, Cayenne, Jimmy, Jessica (x2!), Madison, Charlie and Mary!



- \* School hats, sunblock and water bottles!
- \* Bring your togs every day
- \* Swimming Sports tomorrow!
- \* Census evening tomorrow evening until 8.30pm for those who need it.

### OUR NEW 'MUSIC CORNER'!

Check out our awesome new music corner, with all of our amazing instruments, and where Craig takes our Ukelele groups. Thanks for putting the Ukelele hooks up for us Lincoln!





# SPORTS / COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Weetbix Tryathlon

Thanks to those people who have registered for Weetbix Tryathlon. This year we have a team of 14 students attending the event on Tuesday, March 20. Logistical information will come home soon.

## Get Richie to Awahou School!



### Get Richie to land at your local school!

I've just nominated my local primary school for a chance to win an awesome Fonterra Milk for Schools delivery from Richie McCaw by helicopter! Nominate your school too.

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## MANFEILD EVENTS

**DON'T MISS**  
the last  
**Drive-in MOVIES**

Friday 9th March  
*The Breakfast Club*

Saturday 10th March  
*Footloose*

**AT MANFEILD**

GATES OPEN 5.45pm | MOVIE STARTS 7.45pm

\$25 per car per night (up to 8 people per vehicle)  
OR \$45 for both!

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Scouts – ages 11-14

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## POHANGINA COMMINTY HALL

You can now book the Pohangina Community by 2 methods, either via the email [pohanginahall@outlook.co.nz](mailto:pohanginahall@outlook.co.nz) or by going to [pohanginahall.simplybook.me](http://pohanginahall.simplybook.me). The latter is an online booking system where you can check availability etc.

## POHANGINA VALLEY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is this coming **Tuesday, 27th February** at County Fayre starting **7.30pm**.

This meeting will also include discussion about Community Action Plan and Project Pohangina Outcomes  
*All welcome*

**ASHHURST Community MARKET**

on the Ashhurst Village Green

**Saturday 10th March**

**FOOD, CRAFTS, PLANTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

10am-1pm - Second Saturday of every month from Oct-June

[loaves.org.nz](http://loaves.org.nz)

### Pohangina Valley Sunday School Dates:

Sun 25th Feb at Komako at 10.00am  
Sun 4th March at Pohangina at 10.30am (no adult service)  
Sun 11th March at Komako at 10.30am  
Sun 18th March at Pohangina at 10.00am  
Sun 25th March at Komako at 10.30am

For now, on the first Sunday of each month at Pohangina church, the Sunday school will still run for the children. This will include a story etc and music for their age group. Parents are welcome to stay or you can drop your child/ren off at **10.30am** and pick up at **11.30am**. There will be no adult service on this day.

If you want to know more please contact Barb Hyde at [barbhyde@gmail.com](mailto:barbhyde@gmail.com)

Looking for something to do on March 17? See below for fun ,entertaining evening! See Alison Drury (Nathan's mum) if you're interested in a ticket. Suitable for all ages.

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**SCOTTISH CEILIDH**

Saturday 17th March 6.30pm

Feilding Civic Centre, Aorangi St, Feilding

Tickets \$5 BYO food & drink

Instruction will be given on how to do the dances

TICKET: 12